

# City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL

BOSTON CITY COUNCILLOR CHARLES C. YANCEY

## NICOLA SACCO AND BARTOLOMEO VANZETTI COMMEMORATION DAY

- WHEREAS:** Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti on August 23, 1927 were executed after being found guilty for the murder of Alessandro Berardelli and Frederic Parmenter by a clearly prejudiced and biased judge of the Commonwealth; and
- WHEREAS:** Sacco and Vanzetti were outspoken critics of state and federal government and self-professed anarchists. Thus, many historians, specialists, scholars and others have contended that the Sacco and Vanzetti prosecution, trial, and death sentence displayed a lack of respect for political civil liberties and the right to dissent; and
- WHEREAS:** Some critics have alleged that the conviction and execution of Sacco and Vanzetti, who were first-generation Italian immigrants, were at least partially influenced by racism, anti-Italian prejudice, and discrimination against immigrants in the United; and
- WHEREAS:** Governor Michael Dukakis on August 23, 1977 issued a proclamation acknowledging the fiftieth anniversary of the executions of Sacco and Vanzetti and asking everyone to *resolve to prevent the forces of intolerance, fear, and hatred from ever again uniting to overcome the wisdom, fairness, and rationality to which our legal system aspires*; and
- WHEREAS:** These historical events are an integral part of the history of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and constitute a nefarious precedent that we must strive not to repeat; and
- WHEREAS:** The Sacco and Vanzetti Commemoration Society and the I.W.W. are paying tribute to Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti on Sunday, August 23, 2015, the 88<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the executions of Sacco and Vanzetti; Be It Therefore
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, hereby proclaims August 23, 2015 as Sacco and Vanzetti Commemoration Day in the City of Boston.



By: Bill Smedley  
President of the City Council

Attest: Clay Grinter  
ASST. Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Charles C. Yancey

Date: SEPTEMBER 2, 2015